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REGENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

NUMBER OF SEATS: 7 CONGRESSIONAL, 2 AT-LARGE

Colorado Constitution Article IX, Section 12

TERM OF OFFICE: 6 YRS.

Colorado Constitution Article IX, Section 12

MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT: 18 YRS.

C.R.S. 23-20-102

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT: QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FOR DISTRICT SEATS

C.R.S. 23-20-102

CITIZENSHIP: U.S. CITIZEN

C.R.S. 23-20-102

ACCESS TO BALLOT:

Party Designation, Petition, Write-in

MAJOR PARTY DESIGNATION

Eligibility:

To be eligible for designation by assembly, a person must be affiliated with the major political party holding the assembly for at least twelve (12) months before the assembly, as shown by the registration books of the county clerk and recorder, unless party rules state otherwise.

C.R.S. 1-4-601(4)(a)

Assembly Process:

Candidates for Regent of the University of Colorado congressional district seats shall be designated during the party congressional district assembly. At-large candidates for Regent of the University of Colorado shall be designated during the state party assembly. No assembly shall be held later than seventy (70) days before the primary election. Potential candidates should contact the major political party of their choice to determine the exact date and time of that specific assembly. The political party will be

able to answer questions you may have regarding party protocol for announcements, party campaign rules and other matters of a political party nature.
C.R.S. 1-4-601(1)

During the assembly, only duly accredited assembly delegates that are present may vote for candidates. A candidate needs at least thirty percent (30%) of the votes cast of all duly accredited assembly delegates to be placed on the primary election ballot.

Should no candidate receive thirty percent (30%) or more of the votes cast, a second ballot shall be cast. If on the second ballot, no candidate receives thirty percent (30%) or more of the votes cast, the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be certified as candidates for that office by the assembly.
C.R.S. 1-4-601(2)

Filing with the Secretary of State:

The original or facsimile copy of the certificate of designation shall be filed with the secretary of state no later than four (4) days after the adjournment of the assembly. If the designation is transmitted as a facsimile, the original must also be filed and postmarked no later than ten (10) days after the adjournment of the assembly. However, late filing of the certificate of designation shall not deprive candidates of their candidacy.
C.R.S. 1-4-604(3), (5)

The original or facsimile copy of the candidate acceptance form shall be filed with the secretary of state no later than four (4) days after the adjournment of the assembly. If the acceptance is transmitted as a facsimile, the original must also be filed and postmarked no later than ten (10) days after the adjournment of the assembly. If the acceptance form is not filed within the specified time, the candidate shall be deemed to have declined the nomination.
C.R.S. 1-4-601(3)(a)

The candidate acceptance form shall state the way that the candidate's name will appear on the ballot. The name may include one nickname; however, candidate names shall not contain any title or degree designating the business or profession of the candidate.
C.R.S. 1-4-601(3)(a); 1-5-407(4)

Party designations and candidate acceptance forms are provided by the political party at each assembly.

Candidate Audio Recording:

Candidates are required to submit an audio recording of the pronunciation of their name to the secretary of state no later than ten (10) days after the adjournment of the assembly. The audio recording must state the candidate's name exactly as it appears on the candidate acceptance form, as this is how the candidate's name will appear on the ballot.
SOS Election Rule 10.4.1

Instructions on how to complete the candidate audio recording will be provided in the candidate packet and on the secretary of state's website.

MINOR PARTY DESIGNATION

Eligibility:

To be eligible for designation by assembly, a person must be affiliated with the minor political party holding the assembly for at least twelve (12) months before the assembly, as shown by the registration books of the county clerk and recorder, unless party rules state otherwise.

C.R.S. 1-4-1304(2)(a), (b)

Candidates who have been registered as a member of a major political party for at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of nomination are not eligible, unless party rules state otherwise.

C.R.S. 1-4-1304(2)(c)

Assembly Process:

Candidates for Regent of the University of Colorado shall be designated by assembly for the general election. No assembly shall be held later than sixty-five (65) days before the primary election. Potential candidates should contact the minor political party of their choice to determine the exact date and time of that specific assembly. The political party will be able to answer questions you may have regarding party protocol for announcements, party campaign rules and other matters of a political party nature.

C.R.S. 1-4-1304(1.5)(b)(I)

During the assembly, only duly accredited assembly delegates that are present may vote for candidates. A candidate needs at least thirty percent (30%) of the votes cast of all duly accredited assembly delegates present and voting on that specific office.

C.R.S. 1-4-1304(1.5)(b)(II)

If the assembly designates more than one (1) candidate for an office, or if any assembly designates one (1) or more candidates and one (1) or more candidate qualifies by petition, the candidates shall be nominated at the primary election. If only one candidate is designated for an office by petition or assembly, the candidate shall be the candidate of the minor political party in the general election.

C.R.S. 1-4-1304(1.5)(c), (d)

Filing with the Secretary of State:

The certificate of designation shall be filed with the secretary of state no later than four (4) days after the adjournment of the assembly.

C.R.S. 1-4-1304(3)

The original or facsimile copy of the candidate acceptance form shall be postmarked or received by the secretary of state no later than four (4) business days after the

certificate of designation was filed. If the acceptance form is transmitted as a facsimile, the original must also be filed and postmarked no later than then (10) days after the certificate of designation was filed. If the acceptance form is not filed within the specified time, the candidate shall be deemed to have declined the nomination.
C.R.S. 1-4-1304(4)

The candidate acceptance form shall state the way that the candidate's name will appear on the ballot. Candidate names shall not contain any title or degree designating the business or profession of the candidate.
C.R.S. 1-5-407(4)

Party designations and candidate acceptance forms are provided by the political party at each assembly.

Candidate Audio Recording:

Candidates are required to submit an audio recording of the pronunciation of their name to the secretary of state no later than ten (10) days after the certificate of designation was filed. The audio recording must state the candidate's name exactly as it appears on the candidate acceptance form, as this is how the candidate's name will appear on the ballot.
SOS Election Rule 10.4.1

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MAJOR PARTY CANDIDATE PETITION

Eligibility:

A candidate must have been affiliated with the political party for at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of filing the petition, as shown by the registration books of the county clerk and recorder.
C.R.S. 1-4-801(3)

A candidate that failed to receive ten percent (10%) of the votes cast for a particular office at the party assembly is not eligible to run by petition on behalf of the same political party and office.
C.R.S. 1-4-801(4)

Petition Process:

Party petitions shall not be circulated or signatures obtained any time prior to the last Monday in March.
C.R.S. 1-4-801(5)

All petition formats must be approved by the secretary of state prior to circulation and may only contain one candidate's name for the same office. Once submitted, the

secretary of state will approve or disapprove each petition format no later than two (2) days following the submission.

C.R.S. 1-4-903; 1-4-901

Only eligible electors in the district or political subdivision may sign the petition for which the candidate is to be elected. Each signer of the petition must be affiliated with the

political party named in the petition for at least twenty-nine (29) days prior to signing the petition, as shown by the registration books of the county clerk and recorder.

C.R.S. 1-4-904(2)(a); 1-4-801(2)(b)

In order to qualify by petition for an at-large seat, the petition must contain at least one thousand five hundred (1,500) signatures from each congressional district.

C.R.S. 1-4-801(2)(c)(II)

In order to qualify by petition for a congressional seat, the petition must contain the lesser of one thousand (1,000) signatures, or signatures equal to thirty percent (30%) of the votes cast at the last primary election for the same office, district, and political party for which the petition is being circulated. If no primary election was held, the number of required signatures is calculated by identifying thirty percent (30%) of the votes cast at the last preceding general election for which there was a candidate for that office.

C.R.S. 1-4-801(2)(b)

In order to be eligible to circulate a petition, a person must be a resident of the state, a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age and affiliated with the political party mentioned in the petition at the time the petition is circulated, as shown by the registration books of the county clerk and recorder.

C.R.S. 1-4-905(1)

Filing with the Secretary of State:

Petitions shall be filed with the secretary of state no later than seventy-five (75) days before the primary election.

C.R.S. 1-4-801(5)

Before a nomination petition may be filed, it must have a notarized candidate acceptance of nomination form attached to it.

C.R.S. 1-4-906

The candidate acceptance form shall state the way that the candidate's name will appear on the ballot. Candidate names shall not contain any title or degree designating the business or profession of the candidate.

C.R.S. 1-4-906; 1-5-407(4)

Petition signatures shall be verified by the secretary of state and if found to be sufficient in number shall be deemed valid unless a protest is made in writing within five (5) days after the statement of sufficiency is issued.

C.R.S. 1-4-908; 1-4-909(1)

Candidate Audio Recording:

Candidates are required to submit an audio recording of the pronunciation of their name to the secretary of state no later than seventy-five (75) days before the primary election. The audio recording must state the candidate's name exactly as it appears on the candidate acceptance form, as this is how the candidate's name will appear on the ballot.

SOS Election Rule 10.4.2

Instructions on how to complete the candidate audio recording will be provided in the candidate packet and on the secretary of state's website.

MINOR PARTY CANDIDATE PETITION

Eligibility:

No person shall be placed in nomination by petition unless the person is an eligible elector of the political subdivision or district in which the officer is to be elected.

C.R.S. 1-4-802(1)(g)

A candidate must have been affiliated with the minor political party for at least twelve (12) months prior to the last date the petition may be filed, as shown by the registration books of the county clerk and recorder.

C.R.S. 1-4-802(1)(g)

Petition Process:

The petition shall not be circulated or any signatures obtained any time prior to the last Monday in March in the general election year.

C.R.S. 1-4-802(1)(d)(II)

All petition formats must be approved by the secretary of state prior to circulation and may only contain one candidate's name for the same office. Once submitted, the secretary of state will approve or disapprove each petition format no later than two (2) days following the submission.

C.R.S. 1-4-903; 1-4-901

Only eligible electors within the district or political subdivision may sign the petition for which the officer is to be elected. Each petition may be signed by any eligible elector who has not signed any other petition for any other candidate for the same office.

C.R.S. 1-4-802(1)(c); 1-4-904(1), 2(b)

In order to qualify by petition for an at-large seat, the petition must contain the lesser of one thousand (1,000) signatures or signatures equal to two percent (2%) of the votes cast for all candidates that office in the most recent general election.

C.R.S. 1-4-802(1)(c)(II)

In order to qualify by petition for a congressional seat, a petition must contain the lesser of eight hundred (800) signatures or signatures equal to two percent (2%) of the votes cast in the congressional district in the most recent general election.
C.R.S. 1-4-802(1)(c)(III)

In order to be eligible to circulate a petition, a person must be a resident of the state, a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age and affiliated with the minor political party mentioned in the petition at the time the petition is circulated, as shown by the registration books of the county clerk and recorder.
C.R.S. 1-4-905(1)

Filing with the Secretary of State:

Petitions shall be filed with the secretary of state no later than seventy-five (75) days before the primary election.
C.R.S. 1-4-802(1)(f)(II)

Before a nomination petition may be filed, it must have a notarized candidate acceptance of nomination form attached to it.
C.R.S. 1-4-906

The candidate acceptance form shall state the way that the candidate's name will appear on the ballot. Candidate names shall not contain any title or degree designating the business or profession of the candidate.
C.R.S. 1-4-906; 1-5-407(4)

Petition signatures shall be verified by the secretary of state and if found to be sufficient in number shall be deemed valid unless a protest is made in writing within five (5) days after the statement of sufficiency is issued.
C.R.S. 1-4-908; 1-4-909(1)

Candidate Audio Recording:

Candidates are required to submit an audio recording of the pronunciation of their name to the secretary of state no later than seventy-five (75) days before the primary election. The audio recording must state the candidate's name exactly as it appears on the candidate acceptance form, as this is how the candidate's name will appear on the ballot.
SOS Election Rule 10.4.2

Instructions on how to complete the candidate audio recording will be provided in the candidate packet and on the secretary of state's website.

UNAFFILIATED CANDIDATE PETITION (GENERAL ELECTION ONLY)

Eligibility:

A candidate must be registered as unaffiliated for at least twelve (12) months prior to the last date the petition may be filed, as shown by the registration books of the county clerk and recorder.

C.R.S. 1-4-802(1)(g)

No person shall be placed in nomination by petition unless the person is an eligible elector of the political subdivision or district in which the officer is to be elected.

C.R.S. 1-4-802(1)(g)

Petition Process:

The petition shall not be circulated or signatures obtained any time prior to one hundred eighty-six (186) days before the general election.

C.R.S. 1-4-802(1)(d)(I)

All petition formats must be approved by the secretary of state prior to circulation and may only contain one candidate's name for the same office. Once submitted, the secretary of state will approve or disapprove each petition format no later than two (2) days following the submission.

C.R.S. 1-4-903; 1-4-901

The petition shall contain the name and address of a candidate for Regent of the University of Colorado, and shall designate in not more than three (3) words the political or other name which the signer selects. No name of any political party shall be used, in whole or in part, for this purpose.

C.R.S. 1-4-802(1)(a)

The petition may contain one or more unaffiliated registered electors designated as a committee to fill vacancies.

C.R.S. 1-4-802(1)(e)

Only eligible electors within the district or political subdivision may sign the petition for which the officer is to be elected. Each petition may be signed by any eligible elector who has not signed any other petition for any other candidate for the same office.

C.R.S. 1-4-802(1)(c); 1-4-904(1), 2(b)

In order to qualify by petition for an at-large seat, the petition must contain the lesser of one thousand (1,000) signatures or signatures equal to two percent (2%) of the votes cast for all candidates for that office in the most recent general election.

C.R.S. 1-4-802(1)(c)(II)

In order to qualify by petition for a congressional seat, a petition must contain the lesser of eight hundred (800) signatures or signatures equal to two percent (2%) of the votes cast in the congressional district in the most recent general election.

C.R.S. 1-4-802(1)(c)(III)

In order to be eligible to circulate a petition, a person must be a resident of the state, a citizen of the United States, and at least 18 years of age.
C.R.S. 1-4-905(1)

Filing with the Secretary of State:

Petitions shall be filed with the secretary of state no later than 3 p.m. on the one hundred fortieth (140th) day before the general election.
C.R.S. 1-4-802(1)(f)(I)

Before a nomination petition may be filed, it must have a notarized candidate acceptance of nomination form attached to it.
C.R.S. 1-4-906

The candidate acceptance form shall state the way that the candidate's name will appear on the ballot. Candidate names shall not contain any title or degree designating the business or profession of the candidate.
C.R.S. 1-4-906; 1-5-407(4)

Petition signatures shall be verified by the secretary of state and if found to be sufficient in number shall be deemed valid unless a protest is made in writing within five (5) days after the statement of sufficiency is issued.
1-4-908; 1-4-909(1)

Candidate Audio Recording:

Candidates are required to submit an audio recording of the pronunciation of their name to the secretary of state no later than one hundred-forty (140) days before the general election. The audio recording must state the candidate's name exactly as it appears on the candidate acceptance form, as this is how the candidate's name will appear on the ballot.
SOS Election Rule 10.4.2

Instructions on how to complete the candidate audio recording will be provided in the candidate packet and on the secretary of state's website.

WRITE-IN

Any person who wishes to be a write-in candidate shall file an affidavit of intent with the secretary of state. The affidavit must be filed no later than the close of business on the sixty-seventh (67th) day before the primary election or by the close of business on the seventieth (70th) day before the general election.
C.R.S. 1-4-1101(1); 1-4-1102(1)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Proof of registration and affiliation qualifications shall be as shown on the voter registration books of the county clerk and recorder.

C.R.S. 1-4-501(1)

Candidates are required to understand and comply with current requirements of the Colorado Campaign and Political Finance provisions, Article XXVIII of the Colorado Constitution and Title 1, Article 45 of the Colorado Revised Statutes.

USE THIS AS A REFERENCE GUIDE ONLY.

**ALWAYS REFER TO THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND COLORADO
REVISED STATUTES FOR APPLICABLE LAWS.**